



GENEVA COLLEGE

Incoming Student Housing Placement Information

The Geneva College Residence Life staff recognizes the transformational opportunities that happen in the residence halls. We also recognize the anxiety that can come with choosing a roommate and planning for campus housing, so we want to let you know about the important steps and dates in our process.

If you are interested in commuting or living off-campus, please consult the Geneva College *Student Handbook*, your admissions counselor or Residence Life staff at housing@geneva.edu for more information.

Overview of Housing Placement Process

Our office works hard to thoughtfully place students with a roommate in their preferred residence hall. In general, student preferences are accommodated when they have an early deposit date and timely submission of forms. Further details are listed below.

Preferred Residence Hall Placement

Priority is given to students with documented accommodation needs as determined by the Academic Counseling Center and Education Support Services (ACCESS) Office, followed by students accepted into Honors floor housing. Priority is then based on deposit date, followed by housing forms submitted after the deadline (see below), and finally students who do not submit housing preference forms. Although we want everyone to be placed in their first preference with their requested roommate, we follow this priority list in order to ensure a fair process with all students.

Roommate matching

If you don't know who you want to live with, don't worry! Geneva uses the housing preference form to match students based on likes, study habits, music preference and many other categories. Just remember to fill it out and be honest about who you are as a student. The process works best when you're authentic about your habits instead of pretending to be your own ideal roommate.

Roommate requests

Generally, Residence Life is able to accommodate roommate requests. When students request each other as roommates, the pair adopts the last deposit date between the two, which determines their priority for residence hall placement.

In the event that Residence Life is unable to accommodate all roommate requests, priority will be given based on when roommate requests were submitted and/or the deposit dates of the students involved. For example, in overflow housing situations, Residence Life may not be able to accommodate all roommate requests.

Overflow Housing

From time to time, we may need to place some students into overflow housing. This includes placing one additional student in a room; for example, placing a third student in a room that commonly houses two students. Other situations have warranted converting lounges into private rooms, reassigning residence halls and campus houses as incoming student housing, and placing students in an assignment for the fall semester and moving them to a second assignment in the spring. Students are chosen for overflow housing based on missing housing forms, late submission of housing forms, and then latest deposit date. This procedure is altered in rare situations; for example, when affected students qualify for placement on Honors floor housing or students have documented accommodation needs determined by the ACCESS Office.

Important Dates

June 13 and 16 – Summer Preview & Housing Forms are due. Summer Preview is a great opportunity to meet some of your future classmates in person and take another look at housing options. To maintain housing priority (based on the process listed above), you must submit your housing preference form at or before Summer Preview.

July 18 – Housing Letters are distributed. This is the day that we plan to send out housing letters, which let you know who you're living with and where you'll be. Please allow a few days for delivery. We will also provide contact information so that you can connect with your roommate(s). Remember, any feelings of nervousness you might be feeling may also be present for your roommates. Please offer them grace and be careful to not to base your perception of them on first impressions gained through initial conversations, Facebook, etc.

August 20 – Welcome Week. The big day is finally here! You get to move in meet your roommate(s), potentially for the first time. We have many student volunteers available to help you move in, answer questions and get to know you. So get settled in your new home and enjoy getting to know your neighbors.

Questions? If you have any questions regarding the housing process, please contact the Office of Residence Life at housing@geneva.edu or 724-847-6645.

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